

**In the Claims**

Claims 1-8 (cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A method for of treating hepatocellular carcinoma comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a ~~therapeutically effective amount of a~~ pharmaceutical composition comprising consisting essentially of thalidomide as a single principle ingredient in an amount of 30 to 1200 mg and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10. (Cancel)

11. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein the ~~effective amount of thalidomide~~ is 50 to 800 mg.